



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

| BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS MEMBERS PRESENT | BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS MEMBERS ABSENT |
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| Chair: Cathy Borris-Hale, RN | P |
| Vice Chair: Sukhjit “Simmy” Randhawa, RN | P |
| Toni Eason, RN | P |
| Mary Ellen Husted, RN | P |
| Mary Ivey, Consumer | E |
| Vera Mayer, Consumer | E |
| Missy Moore, LPN | P |
| Chioma Nwachukwu, RN | P |
| Winslow Woodland, RN | P |
| Mamie Preston, RN | P |
| LPN Vacancy | P |

| STAFF PRESENT | STAFF PRESENT |
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| Executive Director | Board Attorney |
| Karen Scipio-Skinner | Van Brathwaite |
| Administrator | |
| Rikin Mehta | Investigator |
| Nurse Consultants | Mark Donatelli |
| Bonita Jenkins | |
| Felicia Stokes | Board of Nursing Support Staff |
| | Angela Braxton |
| | Diane Moorner |

BOARD OF NURSING WORK SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson 8:59 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

*ISSUE: October 1, 2014 Minutes

ACTION: Approved

Executive Session:

Executive Session (non-public) to Discuss Ongoing, Confidential Preliminary Investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14), to deliberate on a decision in which the Ethics Board will exercise quasi-judicial functions pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(13), and Personnel matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING
OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson 9:50 a.m.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson

NOIs- 3

COIN Referrals- 2

Cases Closed-2

Cases Referred to Investigations- 1

Requests to Withdraw-

Letter of Concern- 1

Suspension- 7

Revoked- 4

License Denied- 7

Consent Orders- 2

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cynthia Dallas: Employers are requesting skills checklist from training program.

Per Ms. Mebane, not required

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UPDATES:

ISSUE: Congratulations to Missy Moore for her appointment to NCSBN'S
 2014 NCLEX-PN Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Panel

ISSUE: 2015 NCSBN Annual Institute of Regulatory Excellence (IRE) Jan. 13-15.
 Charleston, SC

ISSUE: Live-streaming Board meetings.
 To enhance public access boards are being asked to live-stream
 their meetings

NURSING PROGRAMS

NCLEX Scores

ISSUE: Annual NCLEX Scores and Program Reports

REGULATION REVISIONS

- ISSUE: Due to evidence of unethical behavior, it is recommended that a (in person) ethics be added as a mandated CE/In-service Course for HHAs
- DECISION: *(b) Complete a minimum of two (2) hours of in-service or continuing education on HIV/AIDS, Ethics, and any Board mandated topics;*

CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDES

Feedback from pharmacy

- ISSUE: In the protocols for which medications can be administered, is there a rationale for why only insulin can be administered? For example, a patient might be on Lovenox (enoxaparin) which is administered subcutaneously. Patients take this at home routinely. Was there any discussion about other drugs and why only insulin?
- DECISION: Change language to read: Insulin and other subcutaneous drugs approved by the board
- ISSUE: The term and definition of "medication" was deleted and replaced with "drug". The term drug is in DC and reads as follows:
Drug – means:
- (a) Any substance recognized as a drug, medicine, or medicinal chemical in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official National Formulary, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia, or official Veterinary Medicine Compendium or other official drug compendium or any supplement to any of them;
 - (b) Any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or other animal;
 - (c) Any chemical substance (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animal; and
 - (d) Any substance intended for use as a component of any items specified in subparagraph (a), (b), or (c) of this paragraph, but does not include medical devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

RN/LPN REG AMENDMENT

- ISSUE: NCLEX is now being offered in French to Canadian Nurses. The following revision will need to be added to the RN/LPN regulations:
Foreign language NCLEX: Require test of English language or evidence of having worked in a US hospital for at least 6 months prior to application.

ISSUE: Licensure by reciprocity as new licensure status

RATIONALE: Licensure by reciprocity will facilitate cross-state licensure in DC

4805.2 Licensure by reciprocity - Proposed language

- (a) The Board may enter into a reciprocity agree with a jurisdiction *whose requirements which, in the opinion of the Board, are substantially equivalent at the time of licensure to the requirements of this chapter, and which state admits registered nurses/licensed practical nurses licensed by the District in a like manner.*(HORA language)
- (b) To apply for a licensure by reciprocity, an applicant shall have a license in good-standing with no pending disciplinary action. Applicants must:
 - (1) Submit a completed application to the Board;

(2) Provide evidence of current licensure in a jurisdiction with whom the Board has a reciprocity agreement.

11:30

PRESENTATION: EBOLA PREPAREDNESS
Dr. Joxel Garcia, Director, DC Department of Health
Dr. Rikin Mehta, Senior Deputy Director, HRLA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

JUST CULTURE

ISSUE: Just Culture as a disciplinary model

“Just Culture” encourages discussion and reporting of errors and near misses without fear of retribution. It is a culture that focuses on the behavioral choices of the practitioner, not merely the fact that an error occurred or that a bad outcome resulted from an error.

DISCUSSION: Using "Just Culture" Principles to make discipline decisions (Copies will be available at meeting):

Guidelines for Reporting Practice Related Incidents to the Board of Nursing
NCSBN's Regulatory Decision Path

Video: <https://its.ncgovconnect.com/ncbonjc>

DECISION: Table

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ISSUE: Review and approve

DECISION: Schedule for December meeting